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CORRECTION: Corrects victim's age to 38.

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North Hills Man Charged with Murdering Son

A 69-year-old man was charged today with shooting his son to death outside of their North Hills home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Shehada Khalil Issa (dob 12/1/46) faces one count of willful, deliberate and premeditated murder in case PA086010.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a shotgun, which caused great bodily injury and death. Additionally, it is also alleged that the murder was committed because of the victim's sexual orientation and because of the defendant's perception of that status and the victims' association with a person and a group of that status.

Arraignment was scheduled for this afternoon but was continued to April 11 in Department S of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

On March 29, police responded to 911 calls at the family's home and discovered the bodies of the defendant's son and wife, prosecutors said. Amir Issa, 38, was allegedly shot outside of the house and the body of the victim's mother was found inside the home, prosecutors said.

Shehada Issa had allegedly threatened to kill his son on prior occasions because he was gay, prosecutors added.

An investigation into the death of the victim's mother is ongoing.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Cole is prosecuting the case.

The defendant is being held without bail. If convicted as charged, Shehada Issa faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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